

Appl. No. 09/884,805

Amdt. dated 5<sup>th</sup> January 2004

Reply to Office action of 06-Oct-03

### **AMENDMENT and RESPONSE**

In response to the Patent Office examiner's Office Action mailed 06 October 2003, please amend the above-captioned case as follows. The undersigned encourages the examiner to call at a time convenient to the examiner in the event it is believed that a conversation might aid moving prosecution forward. This amendment has been formatted in the revised format pursuant to published notification by the Patent Office, as best as can be understood by SAMPLE FORMAT (Rev. 2/03) [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov). See, MPEP §714 III.

**Amendments to the Specification [NONE.]**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the full listing of claims filed with this case, which begins on page 3 of this correspondence to simply clarify that which applicants' regard as their invention, per the examiner's suggestions.

**No amendments to the Drawings** are deemed necessary, at this time, as applicants have received no objection(s) suggesting any amendment should be made. If objections arise, please notify the undersigned so we can have formals prepared, if required.

**Brief Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this correspondence.